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SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO U.S.

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1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF SEPTEMBER 12 CARRIED FOLLOWING
STORY ENTITLED "U.S. CONCERNED CANADA MAY CUT EXPORTS OF GAS":
BEGIN TEXT. THE U.S. EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CANADIAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OVER POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS IN NATURAL GAS
EXPORTS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA THIS WINTER.
A SPOLESMAN FOR THE EMBASSY SAID U.S. OFFICIALS HAD DISCUSSED
THE MATTER WITH FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES, BUT NO FORMAL MESSAGE
WAS SENT.
A PIPELINE COMPANY LICENCES TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO THE NORTH-
WESTERN UNITED STATES HAS WARNED IT MAY HAVE TO REDUCE EXPORTS
BY ALMOST ONE-THIRD BECAUSE OF SUPPLY PROBLEMS.
THE MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A MEETING HERE THIS AFTERNOON
BETWEEN ENERGY MINISTER DONALD MACDOLAND AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL
ALEX MACDONALD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
FEAR OF A CURTAILMENT IN THE EXPORTS BROUGHT AN ANGRY
RESPONSE EARLIER THIS WEEK FROM TWO SENATORS REPRESENT-
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ING THE STATE OF WASHINGTON. THEY ASKED U.S. SECRETARY

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OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TO TRY TO DISSUADE CANADA
FROM CUTTING BACK SHIPMENTS.
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID
THAT ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE
UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT WAS AWARE OF THE SITUATION
AND "NO DOUBT WE HAVE AGREED TO USE OUR GOOD OFFICES TO
MAKE SURE B.C. KNOWS OF THE U.S. CONCERN." END TEXT.

2. REFERENCED EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WAS USIS OFFICER.
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